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For: USE OF PARTICULAR FATTY SUBSTANCES WHICH
MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO MODIFY THE
PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF THE SKIN
AND/OR THE MUCOUS MEMBRANES AS AGENTS
PREVENTING OR REDUCING THE ADHESION OF
MICROORGANISMS TO THE LATTER

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including Tuesday, January 21, 2003, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 25-32, without prejudice.

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13. (Amended) A method of reducing the adhesion of microorganisms to the surface of the skin and/or the mucous membranes, said method comprising contacting a composition with said skin and/or mucous membranes, said composition comprising,